



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
PATENT OPERATIONS

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Applicant: James M. Sheppard Jr.
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Title: JACQUARD OR DOBBY WOVEN TEXTILE WITH GRAPHIC
IMPRESSION AND A METHOD OF MAKING THE SAME
Our File: 3129

Charlotte, North Carolina
September 22, 2003

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

Before the issuance of a first Office Action kindly enter this preliminary amendment.

STATUS UPDATE

As of the date of the final rejection, the present application contains claims 21 – 28. Independent claim 21 is amended in this paper. Accordingly, each of claims 21 – 28 remains pending in this application.